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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1554

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

February 21, 2003

An act to amend *and repeal* Section 42285.3 of the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1554, as amended, Keene. School finance: necessary small schools.

(1) Existing law provides that a unified school district that meets certain criteria is eligible to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a necessary small school and a necessary small high school, as specified. Existing law requires a school district that receives those apportionments to report to the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance by July 1, 2001, concerning the district's plan to address the district's need for additional funding when this provision is repealed.

This bill would delete that reporting requirement.

(2) Under existing law, these provisions become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and are repealed as of January 1, 2005.

This bill would ~~delete those inoperative and repeal dates, thereby extending the operation of those provisions indefinitely~~ *instead make*

those provisions inoperative on July 1, 2006, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2007.

(3) Existing law defines “necessary small school,” and “necessary small high school,” based on low average daily attendance and travel hardship. Existing law, notwithstanding that definition, deems certain schools and high schools necessary small schools and necessary small high schools, respectively, for purposes of calculating state funding apportionments.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to review the meaning of the terms ~~necessary~~ “necessary small ~~school~~ school” and ~~necessary~~ “necessary small high ~~school~~ school” and make recommendations regarding revising those terms no later than ~~February~~ April 1, 2004.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42285.3 of the Education Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 42285.3. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section
 4 42280 or any other provision of law, a unified school district that
 5 is the only school district in a county, that has received more than
 6 two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) in
 7 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1992–93 school year and less
 8 than one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in
 9 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1996–97 school year, and that
 10 has fewer than 4,501 units of average daily attendance in the
 11 1997–98 school year or in subsequent school years shall be eligible
 12 to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a
 13 “necessary small school” and a “necessary small high school,” as
 14 set forth in this article, for up to the total number of schools in the
 15 district that would have met the criteria for classification as a
 16 necessary small school or a necessary small high school in the
 17 1996–97 fiscal year, if the district had fewer than 2,501 units of
 18 average daily attendance in the 1996–97 fiscal year, except that
 19 this section does not apply in a school year in which an otherwise
 20 eligible school district receives more than two million dollars
 21 (\$2,000,000) in federal Forest Reserve funds.

1 **(b)** *This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2006, and,*
2 *as of January 1, 2007, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
3 *that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2007, deletes or*
4 *extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

5 SEC. 2. The State Department of Education shall, within
6 existing resources, review the various elements of the meaning of
7 the terms “necessary small school,” and “necessary small high
8 school,” found in Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280) of
9 Chapter 7 of Part 24 of the Education Code. The review shall
10 include recommendations regarding revising the definition of
11 those terms for the purpose of making them applicable to all
12 schools that receive funding pursuant to those provisions. The
13 department shall report its findings and recommendations to the
14 Legislature no later than ~~February~~ April 1, 2004.

